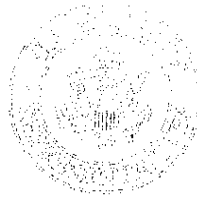


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The Honorable Alan Mollohan  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
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Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
H-310, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Mollohan and Ranking Member Frelinghuysen:

I am writing respectfully to request your support for the following projects in the FY2009 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill:

1. **Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition:** \$6,000,000 to pay for overtime, hire additional deputies, and purchase equipment for the Sheriffs along the Texas-Mexico border to secure the border from drug and human smugglers in the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Grant account.
2. **Memorial Hermann Healthcare System:** \$750,000, to purchase interoperable communications equipment for the Life Flight Operations Center, the premier air ambulance service in the country serving a 150 mile radius, which will enable state-of-the art dispatching, flight and weather monitoring, and data collection to enhance patient care and save lives in the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Grant account.
3. **City of Houston:** \$2,000,000 for the Houston interoperability initiative, to purchase communications equipment so the City's first responders, bomb squad, and SWAT team can communicate with other regional law enforcement agencies, including the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Village Police, Jersey Village Police, West University Place Police, and the Bellaire Police in the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, COPS account.
4. **Texas Medical Center:** \$2,050,000 to purchase emergency communications equipment for the Texas Medical Center's Emergency Communications & Mobility Center, which serves as a coordinator and clearinghouse for police and security information, emergency preparedness, emergency communications, emergency logistical support, and traffic mobility for its 46 member institutions in the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Grant account.

I am also requesting language regarding the following projects:

1. NASA, language regarding the Outer Planets Flagship Mission.
2. NASA, language regarding the Mars Exploration.
3. NASA, language regarding the Space Interferometer Mission.
4. NOAA, language for a study on reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide by fertilizing the ocean with iron oxide nanoparticles.

Additionally, I am supportive of Congressman Henry Cuellar's request for \$10,000,000 for the U.S.-Mexico Border Violence Task Force as authorized by P.L. 109-162 to provide equipment, personnel, administrative and technological costs in the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Grant account.

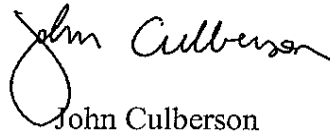
I am also requesting that the Committee provide sufficient additional funding to allow the U.S. Attorney of the Southern District of Texas to hire enough prosecutors to prosecute all crimes committed in Harris County involving guns under federal gun laws, with mandatory minimum sentences and no chance for parole.

Finally, I support fully funding the President's FY2009 budget request for the Marshals, U.S. Attorneys, and FBI to implement Operation Streamline from Brownsville to San Diego. Operation Streamline is currently in effect in the Laredo, Del Rio, and Yuma Border Patrol Sectors and successfully prosecutes under existing law all drug smugglers and illegal aliens apprehended by the Border Patrol.

Should your office need any additional information, please contact Alicia Lee at 6-9175.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Culberson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John Culberson  
Member of Congress